

Minutes: Board of Trustees, The Field Library, Peekskill

Thursday March 17, 2022

Present: President Smith	Trustees: Alexander, Bloom, Cosentino, Galella
Vice President Most	Kelley, Romeo
Treasurer Foster	Absent: Riley
Secretary Douglas	Liaisons: Grossman
Director Brown	

Meeting called to order 7:00.

No Public Comment

Previous minutes to meeting February 17, 2022

Correction: Report of Audit activity should be included in the Audit Committee report not the Finance Committee. Finance Committee report is correct.

Moved to be accepted by Romeo as amended, seconded Most. Unanimously adopted.

**Director's Report:** Children's room work almost complete- staff pleased with improvements. Aiming for Grand Opening in April.

**Treasurer's Report:** Noted a decline in statistics from the Book store but 60-day trending appropriate.

**WLS report:** Continuing discussion around the future of Mt Vernon library under investigation by the state. Deadline is 3/31/2022 then WLS can move to consider other candidates to replace Mt. Vernon. Director Brown will draft a resolution of interest to present to the BOT at April meeting to pursue the Field Library seeking to become the Central Library for WLS. Construction grants have been secured for 6 years.

**Friends of Field Library:** Highly successful event with author of book on Robert E Lee. March 3. Other events being planned particularly Star Wars Trivia Night May 4.

**Finance Comm:** Discussion re budget for 2023 and the need to exceed the tax cap as inflation is also affecting budgetary issues. At April meeting will consider resolution on the matter.

**Governance:** Revision of by laws to fall under New Business

**Nominating Committee:** Potential candidates under review by Committee

**Old business;** no report

**New Business;**

**By Law revision:** One amendment to by laws Section V **Officers, #v.**  
“ in the absence of an immediate Past President.....”

Motion to accept as noted, by Most, second, Kelley, approved.

**Charter amendment:**

We the undersigned, being the President and Secretary of The Field Library, a corporation organized and existing pursuant to an absolute charter granted by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, hereby certify that the following is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths of the whole number of trustees at a meeting held on the 17 of March 2022, and that such resolution remains in full force and effect.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of hereby requests that the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York amend the charter of such corporation to change the range for the number of trustees from not less than nine nor more than eleven to not less than nine nor more than twenty-five.

RESOLVED: That the President and Secretary of the corporation, on behalf of the board of trustees be and they hereby are authorized to execute a petition to be addressed "To the Regents of the University of the State of New York" for such purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have made, signed and acknowledged this application on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

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*Sandra Smith, Board President*

As proposed one time change to expand number of charter members to 25. Motion by Most. Second by Douglas. Unanimous vote.

**Tax Cap Resolution**

We the undersigned, being the President and Secretary of The Field Library, a corporation organized and existing pursuant to an absolute charter granted by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, hereby certify that the following is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths of the whole number of trustees at a meeting held on the 17 of March 2022, and that such resolution remains in full force and effect.

WHEREAS, the adoption of this 2023 budget for The Field Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Field Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2023 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on March 17, 2022.

**Tax cap resolution**-further discussion to be held in April meeting but agreed to submit initial resolution as soon as possible. Motion by Most to adopt with change as note Second by Romeo, Unanimous vote

**Health insurance resolution**

We the undersigned, being the President and Secretary of The Field Library, a corporation organized and existing pursuant to an absolute charter granted by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, hereby certify that the following is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly amending the employer share of the contribution to the family health insurance coverage by the affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths of the whole number of trustees at a meeting held on the 17 of March 2022, and that such resolution remains in full force and effective January 1, 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of The Field Library of the State of New York participates in the New York State Health Insurance Program and to include in such plan its officers and employees and to include in such plan its retired officers and employees, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of Article XI of the Civil Service Law and the Regulations governing the State of New York Health Insurance Program, as presently existing or hereafter amended, together with such provisions of the insurance contracts as may be approved by the President of the Civil Service Commission and any administrative rule or directive governing the plan.

RESOLVED: That The Field Library having elected to participate in the New York State Health Insurance Program at a legally convened meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016. That the Board of Trustees of hereby requests that the Civil Service Commission of the State of New York amend the employer contribution share of the family health insurance from 35% to 75%. Further, that the Board of Trustees certifies that it has budgeted \$105,184.32 for the purpose of paying the employer's costs including administrative charges levied by and payable to the State of New York on account of the coverage of such officers and employees (and retired officers and employees, if applicable) and their dependents in the plan in the 2022 Adopted Budget.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have made, signed and acknowledged this application on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

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*Sandra Smith, Board President*

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*Ann Douglas, Secretary, Board of Trustees*

**Health Insurance Resolution** - to change employer contribution to family plan. Motion to accept change in plan to reflect 75/25 by Most, second by Galella, unanimous vote

**Executive Session:** 8:00 pm moved into session by Romeo, seconded by Galella, approved  
Further discussion re the employee affected by family plan health insurance deduction and impact on budget for 2022 if proposed changes are implemented.  
Motion to come out of Executive Session by Foster, second by Kelley, approved.

No further business moved to adjourn Foster, seconded Kelley, unanimously adopted. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.